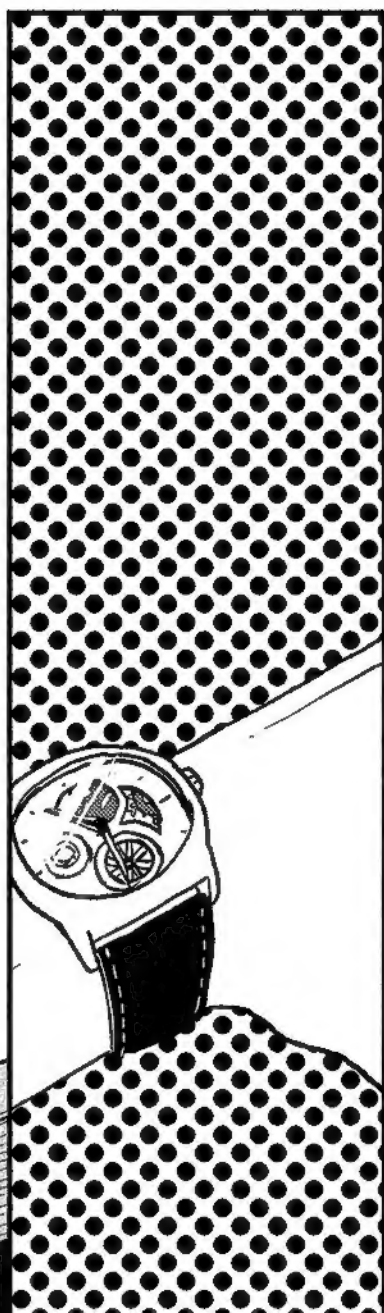
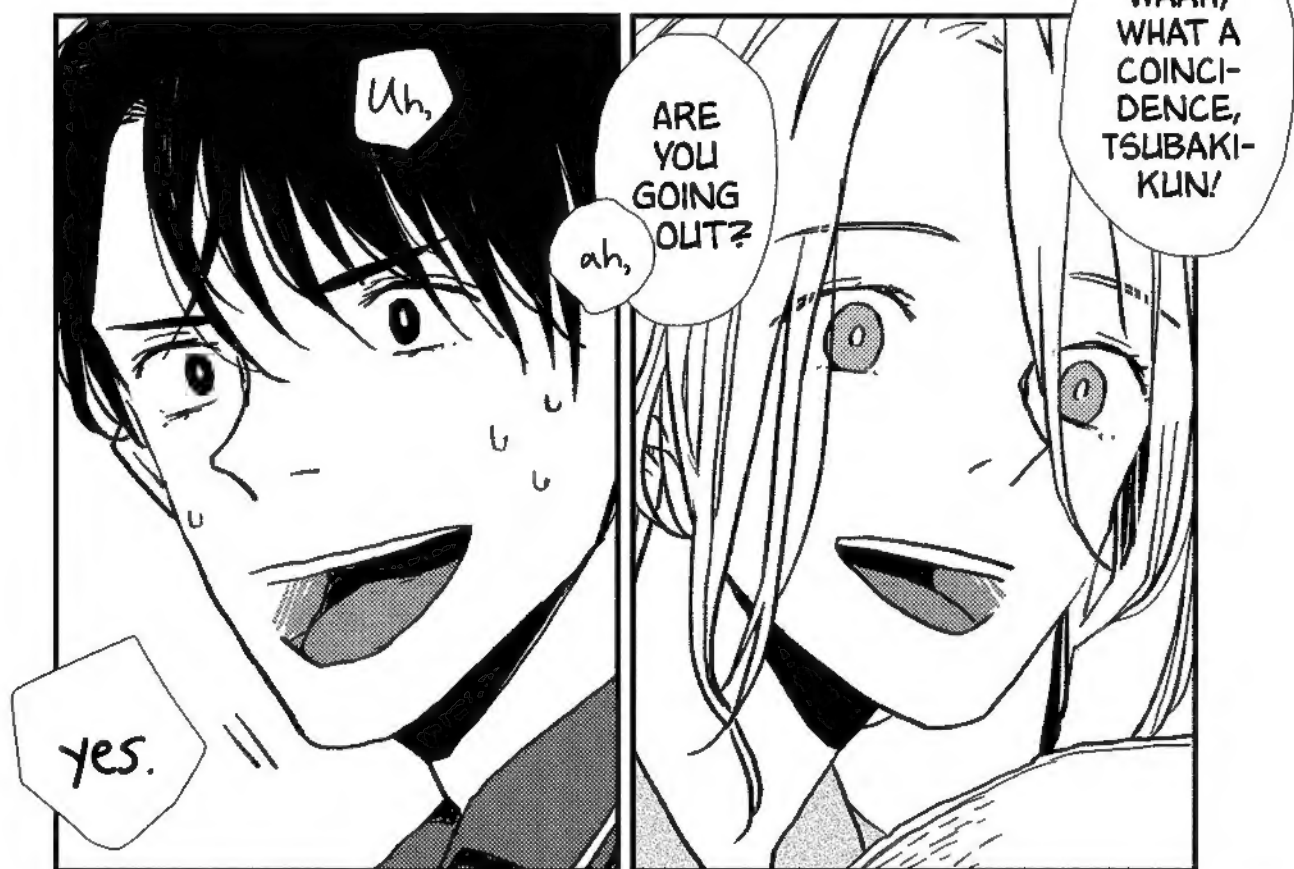
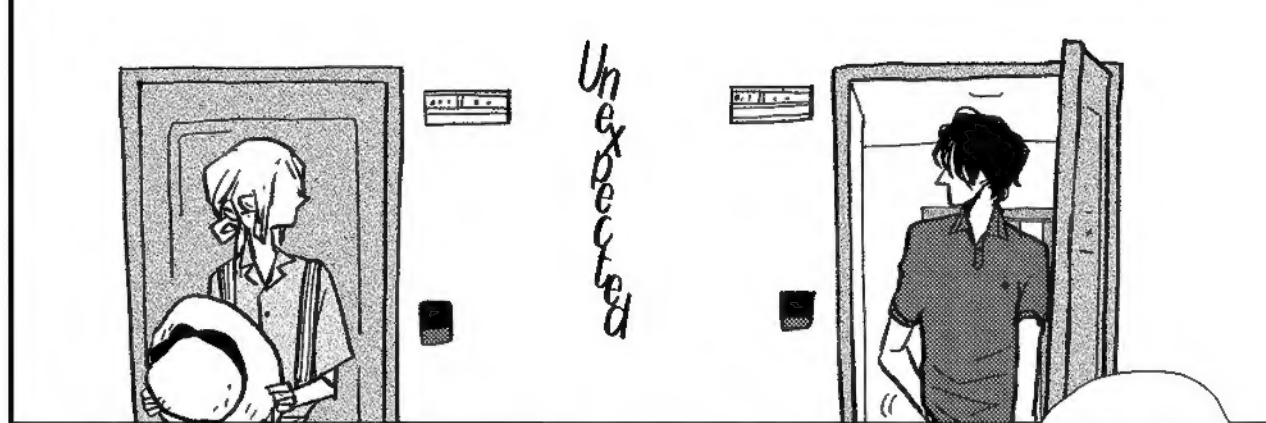




NO SMOKING

Creak





NO SMOKING





TSU-BAKI-KUN?

HE MESSAGED ME EARLIER TO PICK A RESTAURANT TO GO TO...

YES!

Ah!

SOME-TIMES WE GO OUT TO EAT WHEN TOYOHASHI'S OFF WORK.

COFFEE
TAIYO



Ah, it's 'nothing'!

YOU SEEM OFF TODAY.

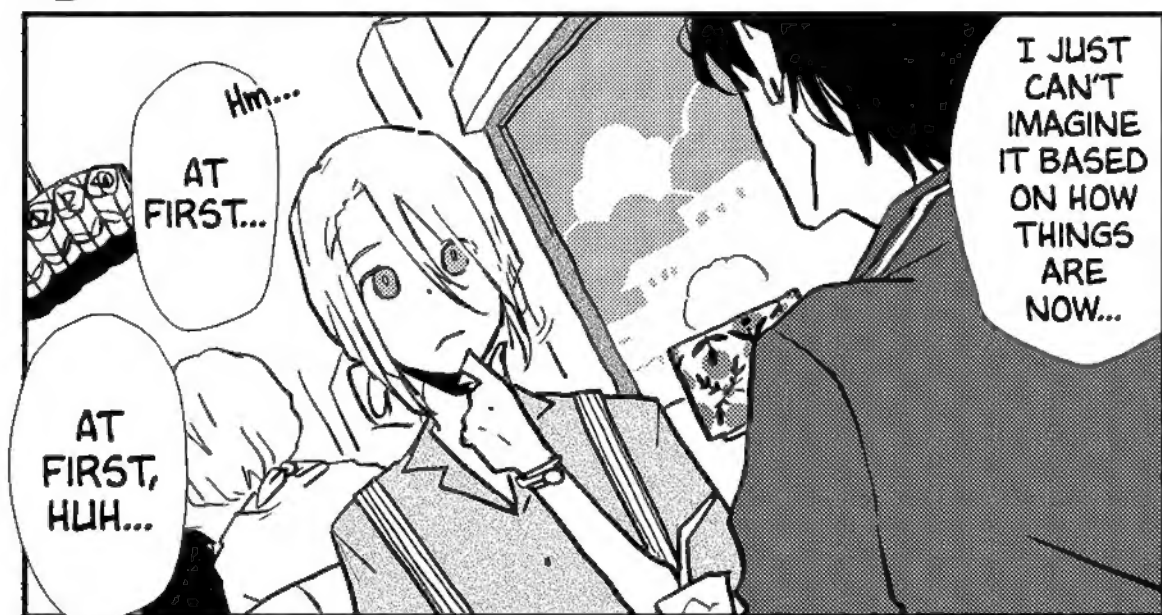
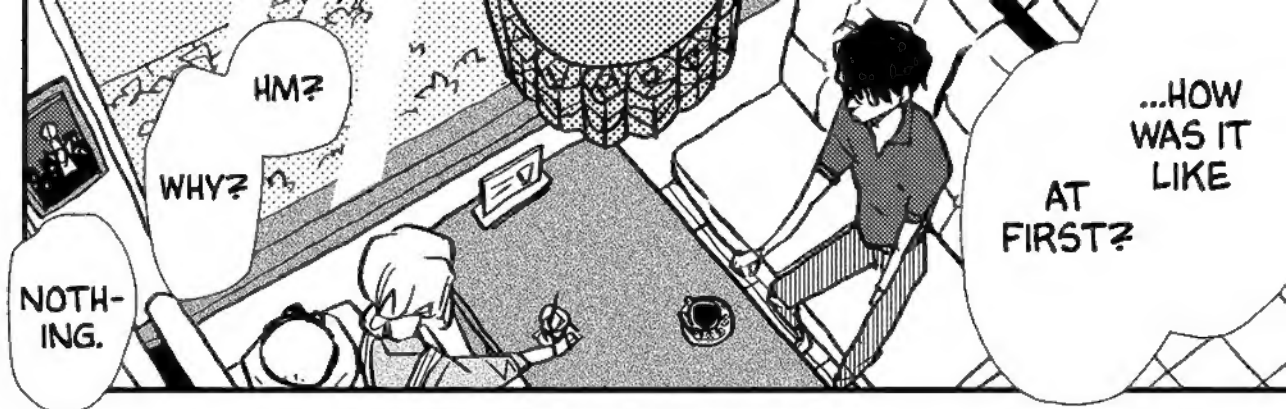


IT'S ALWAYS JUST THE TWO OF US.

I was just thinking if I'd be a bother by showing up suddenly!
Something like that!

I WANNA EAT WITH EVERYONE FROM TIME TO TIME.

HOW Aha LONG DO YOU THINK WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER?





No...



Ah

Rub

Kiss

Lick

Mm



Step

...YOU'RE CRYING AGAIN.

No-

WAAAAAH!!!

And on the bed...

Ba

m

I mean, I didn't even think you'd talk about that...

Aha ha

ugh...

WHAT THE HECK~

IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN YOU SHOULD'VE JUST SAID SO...

That's what I meant!

what caused you to think of him that way?!

NOT THAT FIRST!

I meant

I WAS TAKING OUT THE TRASH

I THINK.

IT WAS WHEN

G l a n k

TOYO-HASHI, THAT IS.

AND I HAPPENED TO SEE HIM THEN.

AFTER STAYING UP ALL NIGHT, I WENT TO TAKE THE TRASH OUT IN A RUSH,



MY
CLOTHES
WERE JUST
AS I HAD
THEM
ON ALL
NIGHT,

MY
BEARD
HAD
GROWN
OUT
TOO,

AND MY
HAIR WAS
MESSY.

I WAS
FLUSTERED
AND RAN
AWAY
WITHOUT
THINKING,

BUT



AND
THEN

I ASKED
MYSELF
WHY I
PANICKED
AND RAN
AWAY,



I
THOUGHT,

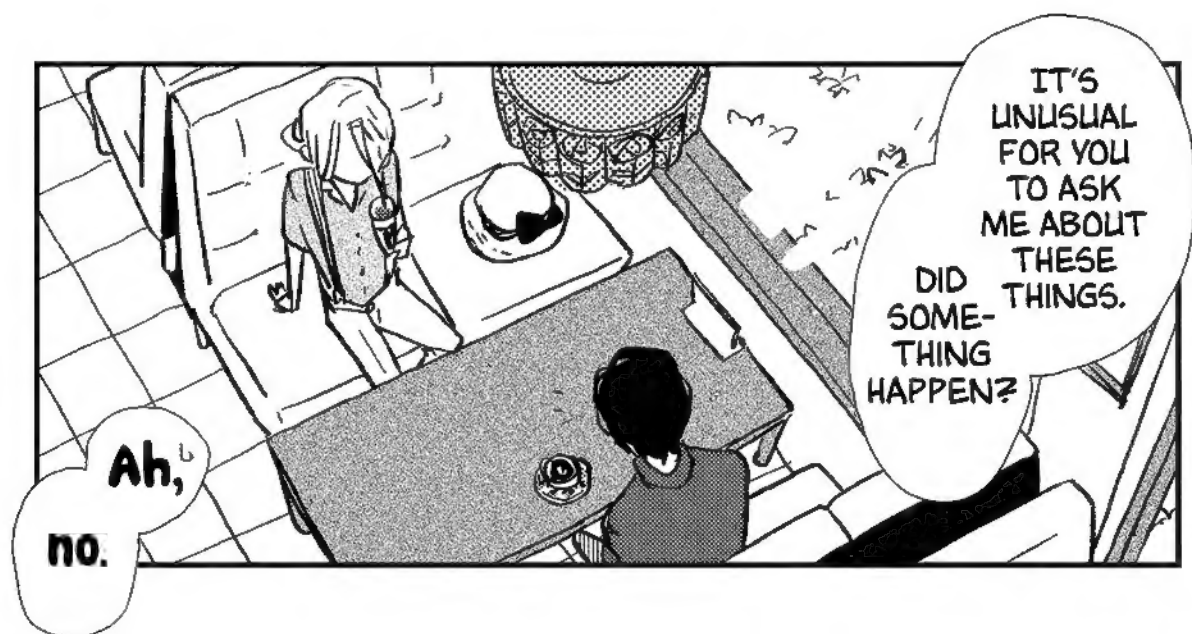
AHHH,

I MIGHT
LIKE TOYO-
HASHI.



WHEN I
REALIZED
THAT, I
STARTED
AVOIDING
HIM AND
HE GOT
MAD AT
ME.

I'm
such
an
idiot~





ACTU-
ALLY,

UM,

UHHH,

Rattle

Rattle

Gank

I HAVE
SOMETHING
I WANT TO
TELL YOU
TWO.

SWISH



poke

Wobble



Rattle

Gank

Nod



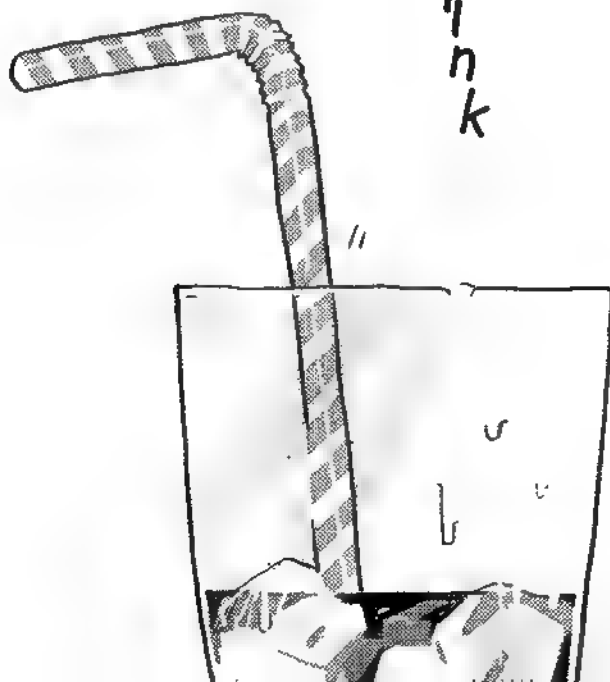
S-
So-
SORRY,
So-
I WAS
NODDING
OFF...



HAVE
PLANS

TO SEE
SOMEONE
TODAY.

Clink



end

You can read either one first, but please overlook the tiny discrepancies....!!!

This story is a sequel to the already published series "Vanilla Chocolate Cigarette"... or rather, it's a prequel.



Thank you for reading "Bitter Cigar" this time!



Hello hello, I am Kuma-neko.

Thank you, universe!

AFTER-WORD COMIC



It's not even anybody's fault...

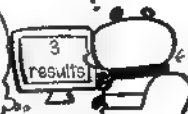
Huh, it's not...? I see...

For example, hasn't something like this happened before...? You think that a ship you're crazy about is super popular, but when you try looking it up you find out it's actually super obscure...

(It's happened to me a lot of times.)

Something like that...

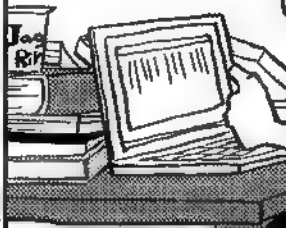
MAYBE I GOT THE SEARCH WORDS WRONG...?



The 3 search results were all from me.

The list of things he liked increased when he met Toyo-hashi...

He's just someone who wants to wear and have what he likes.



I drew Takatsuki-san to look more like a girl in this series. Though it's not that he wants to be a girl or has a complex because he couldn't become manly.

Speaking of which, the final scene on the overpass was on the inner cover of Vanilla Chocolate Cigarette!

If you feel like drinking miso soup then that makes me glad!

And with that, I've had fun drawing this time as well!!!



Special THANKS!!!

to my editor, sales manager, Kasepro-san, Soul Sister, my friends who always drink with me, and everyone who read this!!!!

The four of them go to "Usagiya" and go drinking after that...

The extra ends just before the four of them gather.

Feels like running away because of what happened on the train

At a loss.

Easily gets along



The humidity sure is bad in Osaka...

When I went to Hakata,

I was surprised that the shade felt so cool...

When this kid who came to Osaka for research told me,

I was shocked.

I wanted to draw summer clothing.

Speaking of which!

It's the first time I used summer as a setting.



RATATOUILLE

A French dish consisting of various foods cooked together!! Just fry some summer vegetables with garlic and olive oil, and cook it with canned tomatoes and some herbs like; consomme, bay leaves, etc.! I love paprika and zucchini. Don't you feel like eating them whenever summer comes around?

JAPANESE STYLE MAPO TOFU

If only I had some tofu and minced meat!!! I order tofu without thinking whenever I go to a restaurant-bar so much so that someone commented that I must love tofu. I was so shocked. I suppose there are BLs like that~

Bitter Cigar FOOD

I included food scenes in every chapter this time.

TEMPURA

The oil good restaurants use for their tempura is different. It makes you think, "This is... tempura..?". I love dipping shiso* in the tempura dipping sauce!!!

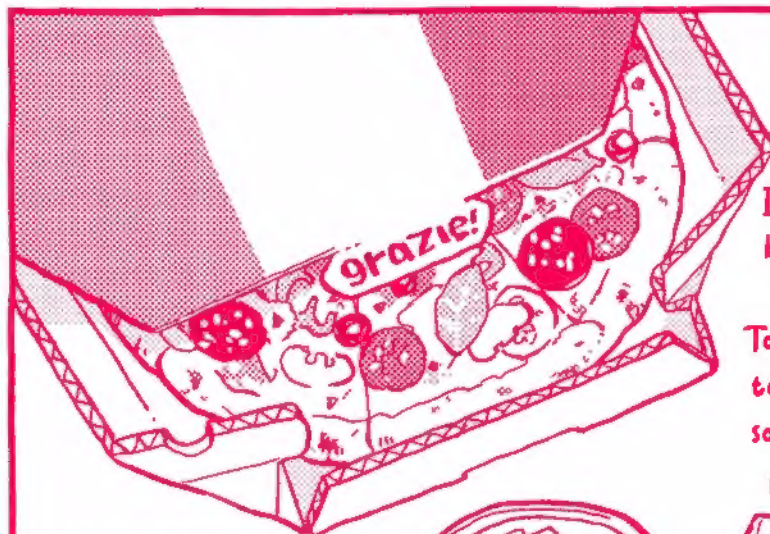
SMOKED DAIKON PICKLES

To think that vegetables pickled in sake lees (Narazuke) would taste so good together with cream cheese~!!!! My image of them has completely changed ever since I had some in Tanakacho in Kyoto!!! The "Nara" in "Narazuke" comes from "Nara" in the "Nara period"!



MISO SOUP

Is there any Japanese person in the world who hates miso soup?? A dish you can prepare and keep for work! I was shocked when a friend from Aichi told me they liked mixed miso.



Pizza

I like thiiiiin crust pizza, but Takatsuki-san is the type to like it thick. Toyohashi-san makes pizza toast for brunch for him sometimes. Like when he finishes a manuscript.

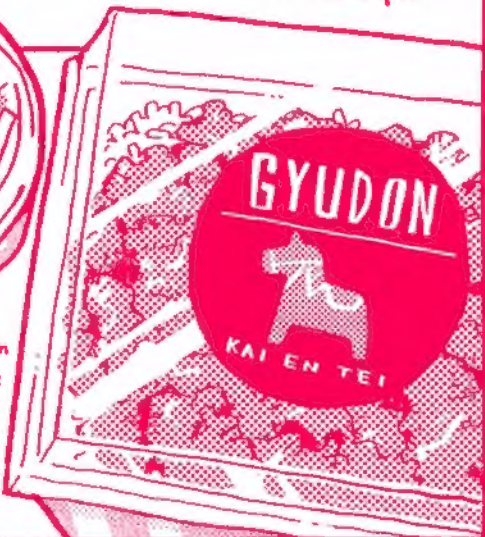
GYUDON

Gyudon is rice covered with sliced beef, but the logo is that of a horse...

This is because the manager of the Kaien restaurant was a Sakamoto Ryouma fan! LOL



Naka"-san helped me out a lot when I worked late too.



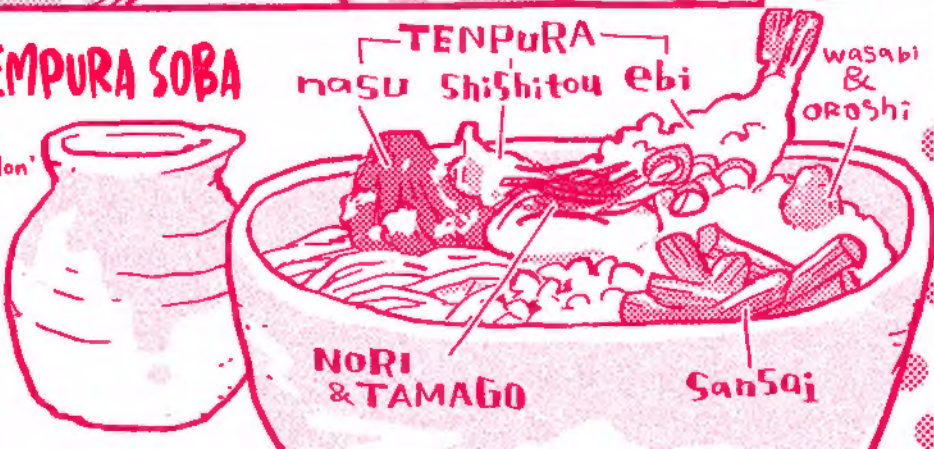
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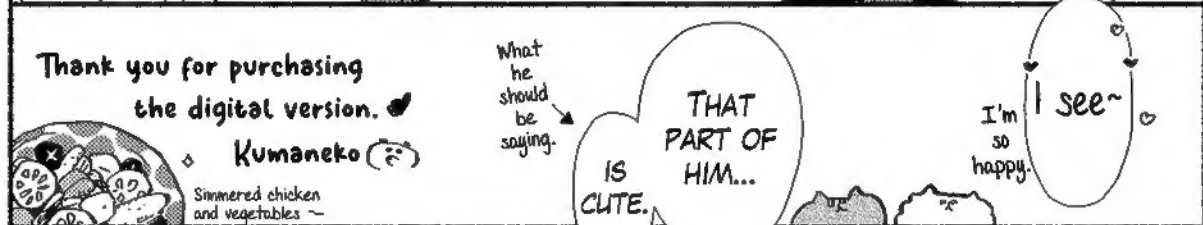
USAGIYA'S CHILLED TEMPURA SOBA

The aforementioned Usagiya-san from a conversation about tanindon* on rice in Vanilla Chocolate Cigarette. I also love oyakodon** on rice. Chilled tempura soba in summer just makes me so happy!!!

Look at this ~~~ !! ->

*T/N: Beef (or pork) and eggs on rice.
**T/N: Chicken and eggs on rice.





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